

PLAY BALL: PALMYRA REMEMBERS LENA BLACKBURNE

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Baseball's famous Mud Man Jim Bintliff, of Delran, New Jersey joins members of the Palmyra Historical Society in celebrating the plaquing of the baseball field in Legion Park in honor of Russell "Lena" Blackburne, who discovered the internationally famous magical mud near Palmyra in 1938.

Russell "Lena" Blackburne played baseball for the Palmyra Field Club way back in the early 1900's and was the first kid ever in Burlington County to make it to the Major Leagues. In 1938, as a coach for the Philadelphia Athletics, he changed the game of baseball when he discovered the mud he harvested from a secret Delaware River tributary took the shine off new baseballs, giving the pitcher better control. His legacy continues to this day!

Join the Palmyra Historical & Cultural Society on the morning of Saturday, April 14th, 2012 @ 8:30 A.M. for the official plaquing ceremony at "Lena" Blackburne Memorial Diamond," as we welcome our special guest, "Mud man" Jim Bintliff of Delran, N.J.

Jim Bintliff inherited the famous rubbing mud business from his father Burns Bintliff, who was the son in law of John Haas, a close childhood friend of Lena Blackburne. Today, Bintliff carries on Blackburne's tradition and exclusively supplies major league baseball with the famous Burlington County New Jersey mud. His story has been seen on Cables' CNN and "Dirty Jobs" and featured in countless newspapers and magazines. The event coincides with the Opening Day of Little League and the parade held by the Palmyra - Riverton Athletic Association .

The field is located in the far right corner of Legion Field, where Park Avenue intersects Spring Garden Street in Palmyra.

Free Commemorative buttons to all attending. See you there and become a part of Palmyra history!

The Palmyra Historical Society was originally founded in 1991 The group has been responsible for initiating the proposal of Palmyra Cove Nature Reserve and placing the Spring Garden school complex in Palmyra on the National Historic Register.

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